

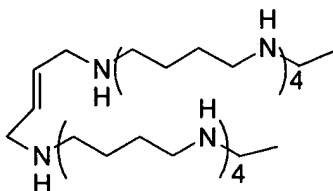
REMARKS

With the entry of the amendments above, claims 1-6 and 16-31 are pending in this application. Claims 7-15 have been canceled. Claims 17-31 are subject to a restriction requirement and are withdrawn from consideration. Claim 32 is newly presented, but belongs to the non-elected invention of Group II as defined by the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 8) mailed October 1, 2002, and thus is withdrawn from consideration by the Applicants under 37 C.F.R. § 1.145. Accordingly, claims 1-6 and 16 are under consideration in this application.

As claims 17-23 and 32 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, Applicants respectfully request, should claims 1-6 and 16 be found allowable, that the method claims 17-23 and 32 be rejoined with claims 1-6 and 16 as permitted by MPEP 821.04.

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended, *inter alia*, to limit the "A" moieties in the polyamines to a single bond, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or C₂-C₆ alkenyl, by deletion of the remaining functional groups; claim 5 has been amended, *inter alia*, to limit the "A" moieties to a single bond or C₂-C₆ alkenyl. New claim 32 is supported by original claim 20 and at page 14, lines 27-28 of the instant specification. No new matter has been added by these amendments. No fees are believed to be due with this amendment; any fees due for added dependent claim 32 are offset by cancellation of the nine claims 7-15, for which fees have already been paid.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the elected species



and its isomer

E-N_(ext)H-B-A-B-N_(int)H-B-A-B-N_(int)H-B-A-B-N_(int)H-B-A-B-N_(ext)H-E .

In contrast, the polyamines of Henrici et al. contain tertiary amines as the interior nitrogens (see, for example, column 1, lines 10-30 of U.S. 3,733,833).

Accordingly, as the invention is not identically disclosed in the Henrici et al. patent, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the issue raised in the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003 (Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)) has been addressed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any concerns that may be addressed by a telephone conference, he is invited to call the undersigned agent at 1-213-892-5615.

In the event that the Patent Office determines that an extension, excess claim fees, and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 376462000400. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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